

Sinclair
Broadcasting is
using the public
airwaves for blatant
electioneering,
without regard to
its responsibility
to air programming
in the public
interest. It's
offer to air equal
time for a pro-Kerry
response is a sham,
and it knows that it
will not be held
accountable by the
FCC, which
increasingly acts
only in the
interests of its
wealthy corporate
contributors and
benefactors.

The FCC has
abdicated its
responsibility to
ensure that the
public airwaves are
used in a way that
benefits the public:
corporations like
Sinclair have been
given a green light
to air blatantly
partisan programming
while refusing to
air opinions they
don't agree with
(even when offered
in the form of paid
advertising).

The FCC should take
its role as steward
of the airwaves very
seriously, rather
than pocketing
bucketloads of
campaign donations
and using government
employment as a
revolving door to
high-paid corporate
jobs.

The first and most
important step the
FCC should take is
to roll back the
rules that have
allowed extreme
consolidation of
television and radio
stations. The FCC

should require local ownership and prohibit ownership of multiple stations. Only with a diversity of ownership will television and radio have a chance of providing a voice to someone other than the wealthy corporate contributors and benefactors of our public servants and elected officials.